

SENATE RESOLUTION 236

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Officer James Kensinger upon his receipt of the Life Saving Award.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective well-being, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, many Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of bravery through service as proud members of the police force; and

WHEREAS, Officer James Kensinger of the Germantown Police Department has served with courage and gallantry and is wholly deserving of proper recognition for his heroism today; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kensinger is the recipient of Germantown's Life Saving Award, a fitting recognition of his heroic efforts in saving the life of a sixteen-year-old Germantown citizen; he was presented the prestigious award by Police Chief Richard Hall during a meeting of the City's Board of Mayor and Alderman on February 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Life Saving Award is reserved for a police officer who, in the line of duty, physically rescues a person from the likelihood of certain death, renders first aid in a distinguished or unusually creditable nature to a person whose life is in immediate jeopardy, or renders first aid in a manner that sustains the person and enables the person to be delivered alive to a medical facility; and

WHEREAS, Officer James Kensinger was dispatched to answer an emergency call regarding a possible drug overdose and arrived at the residence to find a sixteen-year-old female in medical distress; he performed CPR for approximately two minutes until Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived and transported the victim to a medical facility; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Officer James Kensinger's valiant efforts, the young woman was stabilized after arriving at the medical facility; and

WHEREAS, Officer James Kensinger performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Officer James Kensinger of the Germantown Police Department upon his receipt of the Life Saving Award, salute his meritorious service of protecting and serving the citizens of the Germantown community, and offer our heartfelt thanks for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.